

## IT WAS NOT GRANTED

Telephone Franchise Goes Over to Next Meeting.

## CITY PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Ordinance Passes and Fred S. Dennis Is Selected.

Action in the matter of granting a franchise to the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company, after some discussion at the session of the city council last night, was deferred until the next regular meeting of the council. The matter had been given to a committee for investigation and report. The following communication addressed to the mayor and city council was the result:

"Your committee to whom was referred an ordinance relating to the wires, poles and business of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company, its successors and assigns, and the placing of telephone wires underground, respectfully report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and that said ordinance has been passed for the following reasons:

"1.—No provision is made in said ordinance for the reasonable regulation of the business of said company by the mayor and council of the city in the future.

"2.—That said ordinance provides that the city of Wichita shall waive all right to levy and collect a license of occupation tax upon the property and business of said company during the life of said franchise.

"3.—No provision is made in said ordinance for fixing a minimum rate to be charged to subscribers for the use of telephone, which we consider necessary to protect our citizens against possible extortion.

"4.—Said ordinance provides that the franchise shall be for a period of twenty years from the date of its acceptance, which we consider to be too long a period, unless provision is made in the franchise for the termination of the same sooner, if desired, by the purchase or condemnation of the telephone system by the city.

"5.—No provision is made for a uniform charge to citizens for telephone service within the corporate limits of the city.

"6.—The ordinance claims to be an ordinance and that it shall be necessary to have a decree of court before the city could forfeit said franchise for failure on the part of the company to comply with its terms.

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## HIS TRIP WAS SHORT

Little Boy Placed on Train Bound for Guthrie.

## NOTE ON HIS COAT

Told a Story Which Caused His Return.

Early yesterday morning a little, fair-haired, blue-eyed boy sat in the Santa Fe station waiting for a train going south. He was a demure little lad and there was a note pinned on his coat. He said in answer to questions that he was going to meet his father at Guthrie, but more than that he would not say.

When the southbound Santa Fe train came in the lad was placed in a seat in the chair car. He leaned back and looked out of the window without the least concern as to his arrival at his destination.

After a time the blue-coated, immaculate conductor came along and asked the lad where his ticket was. The little fellow opened his eyes wide with wonder and said that he did not understand. When the conductor asked the question again the lad pointed to the note on his coat.

The conductor bent down and unrolled the note and opening it read: This is what he read:

"To the Conductor—This little boy's father will meet him at Guthrie. Please see that he is put off there. His father's name is A. E. Patte and he will defray all expenses."

There was no signature. The conductor read the note over again and then looked at the boy. The little lad meanwhile resumed his looking out of the window. The conductor read the note again and after carefully looking the boy over asked him his name. He knew that his name was Carl and that he was four years old. That was all. He knew that he was to meet his father and asked how long it would be before he would "see Papa."

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chief and boy stopped in Bassett's bakery, and it was there that the home of the boy was found.

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He had told the family that he would pay all expenses, and they, thinking of no better plan, had taken the lad to the station, to be placed on the train for Guthrie.

After the train had arrived at Guthrie the father looked for his boy. He failed to find him and immediately telegraphed to the station about the matter. He also telegraphed a ticket for the boy, with instructions that if he did not get away on the morning train to send him on the evening train.

The little lad was bundled up again and last night was placed on the south-bound train. This time he had a ticket and was not subjected to the questioning of the conductor as to his destination, etc.

The fair-haired boy with the blue eyes will get to see his father without being taken from the train before he reaches his destination. He will, however, have a very colorful recollection of the incident of that trip and the difficulties encountered on the starting.

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J. H. DEARDOFF'S FUNERAL

Remains Were Taken to Neodesha for Burial.

The funeral services of J. H. Dearthoff were held from the home of his daughter Mrs. E. S. Hartman, 425 Maple street, Sunday at 10 o'clock, by Rev. DeLober of Central Christian church. Only a brief service was rendered, after which the remains were taken over the bridge to Neodesha, the home of his deceased son twenty-five years, where the regular funeral services were held yesterday.

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The little lad stood on the platform at Derby looking at the departing train wistfully. There were tears in his eyes as he turned to accompany the station agent into the little depot. When he talked in the station he could hardly make a sound without the tears welling into his eyes, for the disappointment in not getting to see papa was more than he could stand.

The agent talked to him kindly and the little fellow sat in the station waiting patiently for the northbound train.

When it came in Carl was placed on the train and the agent explained the circumstances to the conductor. The lad sat in a seat by a window, and during the greater part of his ride sat looking out at the train went on. There were tears in his eyes, however, as he thought of not seeing his father, but he manfully kept them down.

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